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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Toru TSUKADA and Soichiro KATO  
Entitled FEED SCREW DEVICE  
Assignee: NSK LTD.  
Our Reference: Q63051

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application Serial No. 08/877,518 (Confirmation No. 6133) filed June 17, 1997, by Toru TSUKADA and Soichiro KATO entitled FEED SCREW DEVICE.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, twenty-six (26) sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Assignment to NSK LTD. as recorded June 17, 1997, in the prior application, a Preliminary Amendment and an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 listing references cited by Applicants and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Chong H. Kim in Group Art Unit 3682.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a division of Application No. 08/877,518 (Confirmation No. 6133) filed June 17, 1997, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Priority is claimed from June 17, 1996; June 17, 1996; and July 18, 1996, based on Japanese Application Nos. 8-155545, 8-155546 and 8-189148, respectively. The priority documents were filed on September 22, 1997, in parent Application No. 08/877,518.

A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith, in which claims 1-7 are cancelled, and claims 8, 9 and 11 are rewritten in independent form.

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The Government filing fee, after entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>9</u> - 20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>0</u>
Independent claims	<u>4</u> - 3	=	<u>1</u>	x	\$80.00	=	<u>80.00</u>
Base Fee							\$710.00

**TOTAL FILING FEE ENCLOSED****\$790.00**

Checks for the statutory fee of \$790.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge any difference or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 that may be required during the entire pendency of the application to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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